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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 25, 2002, said period of response being extended from June 25, 2002 to September 25, 2002.

Our check in the amount of \$920.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.



Respectfully submitted,

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